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‘Unmissable’ flexible learning

A learning resources provider is to offer dental professionals groundbreaking solutions to keep the whole dental team up to speed with new developments, at this year’s British Dental Conference.

Smile-on will show visitors a wide range of informative products, at the event being held at Glasgow’s Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, on the 4-6 June. A spokeswoman for Smile-on said: ‘Smile-on’s participation makes the British Dental Conference unmissable for dental professionals. Groundbreaking solutions will show how the latest technology and the greatest expertise combine to make learning flexible, convenient and involving.’

Its products at the event will include the Clinical Photography course.

The course, which is available on CD-ROM or on-line, fits around daily tasks and provides an excellent grounding in digital imaging.

Participants will find the most suitable camera, master perfect clinical shots, unlock ways to keep patients better informed and enjoy robust medico-legal protection.

Delegates should also enquire about the three-module programme Communication In Dentistry: Stories From The Practice, which provides everything necessary to open effective lines of communication with patients and colleagues, promoting success across the board.

There will also be the chance to explore Smile-on’s Clinical Governance programme, enabling total compliance with Healthcare Commission standards, and DNSTART, essential learning for dental nurses.

For more information call 020 7400 8989 or email info@smile-on.com

Murder saga continues

A dentist in Northern Ireland accused of murdering his wife and his ex-lover’s husband has been remanded in custody again.

Dr Colin Howell appeared at North Antrim Magistrates’ Court via a video link from Maghaberry Prison, near Lisburn, County Antrim, where he is currently being held.

He will appear before the court again on 6 April, the same day as his co-accused, Hazel Stewart, 45, who is also facing a double murder charge.

It has been claimed they were having an affair at the time of the deaths.

Colin Howell has been charged with murdering his wife Lesley Howell and former RUC officer Trevor Buchanan nearly 18 years ago.

Police are investigating two more deaths in connection with Howell.

Police are now re-examining the death of Lesley Howell’s father, Henry Clarke, who died 12 days before his daughter’s death - apparently from a heart attack or some form of seizure.

They are also looking into the death of mother of two, Alexandra Hickman-Smith, 27, who was found dead at her caravan in Castlereck last November. Her family were told at the time that she had died from diabetes.

Over 50’s glamour

There has been a rise in the number of people over 50 getting cosmetic and aesthetic dental treatment.

London cosmetic dentist, Dr Anoop Maini of Aqua Dental Spa, has seen a 65 per cent increase in patients over the age of 50 since last October.

These patients have chosen tooth whitening treatments, dermal fillers or Botox, despite people being more strapped for cash in the recession. He revealed that many patients who have cosmetic dental treatment will also have fillers or botox to improve the appearance of the area around their mouth.

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